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SUBJ: PM TRUDEAU INVITES CASTRO TO CANADA

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS GIVEN MODEST COVERAGE TO CANADIAN PM TRUDEAU'S VISIT TO LA, WITH MOST ATTENTION DEVOTED TO HIS SOJOURN IN CUBA. REASONABLY STRAIGHT NEWS STORIES HAVE REPORTED DETAILS OF VISIT WITH PRIMARY EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN TO 1) ALLEGED INVITATION TO VISIT CANADA EXTENDED TO, BUT NOT IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTED BY, CASTRO, AND 2) REPORTS THAT TRUDEAU HAS EXPRESSED CANADIAN UNHAPPINESS OVER CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN FOREIGN LANDS, BUT REACTIONS OF CASTRO GOVERNMENT NOT REPORTED. PRESS HAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT CASTRO IS USING OCCASION OF TRUDEAU VISIT FINALLY TO TELL CUBAN PEOPLE OF ANGOLAN INVOLVEMENT, TO PRAISE CANADA'S POSITION IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND TO CHIDE CANADA FOR ASSISTING CERTAIN "RIGHT-WING" DICTATORSHIPS (APPARENTLY, HAITI).

2. PRESS COMMENTATORS HAVE ALSO BEEN RELATIVELY RESTRAINED. REFERENCES HAVE BEEN MADE TO "IMPRESSIVE" WELCOME BY "RENT-A-CROWD," AND DICTATORIAL ASPECTS OF CUBA (E.G., TV SHOTS OF CASTRO HANGING UP HIS SIX-SHOOTER PRIOR TO SITTING DOWN AT TABLE WITH PM). TORONTO

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GLOBE AND MAIL COLUMIST GEOFFREY STEVENS DEVOTED ONE

COLUMN TO "MR. CSTRO'S DIPLOMACY" WHICH POINTED OUT  
CASTRO LIKES TO SURPRISE GUESTS, AND IS EVER THE  
SHOWMAN. ACCORDING TO STEVENS, CASTRO "...THANKED MR.  
TRUDEAU WARMLY FOR COMING TO CUBA AND TOLD HIM HE KNEW  
IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO COME AT THIS TIME...(CASTRO)  
IS CLEARLY SENSITIVE TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION OF  
OTHERS." MEANWHILE, OTTAWA'S FRENCH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER  
LEDROIT COMMENTED THAT A CASTRO VISIT TO CANADA WOULD  
CAUSE AN "UPROAR". JOHNSON

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